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HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 28, 2003 (paper no. 8), please amend the above-identified application as follows: